

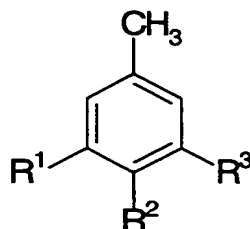
Preparation of toluene derivatives

Abstract

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A process for preparing toluene derivatives of the formula I,

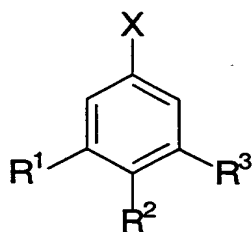
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15 where R¹, R² and R³ independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, hydroxyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, by hydrogenating benzaldehydes and/or benzyl alcohols of the formula II,

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IIa: X= CHO

X= CH[OC₁-C₆-alkyl]₂

IIb: X= CH₂-OH

X = CH₂OC₁-C₆-alkyl

25 with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst, which is described in more detail in the description.

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